

Kaylee's Korner

Challenge Week

The first week of February was **Challenge Week**. Each team goes to a city within a 10-hour radius from Lubbock to work and serve the church and community there for a week, however part of the challenge is that we were not told where we were going until the morning of. Friday morning each team was given an envelope with our destination and a phone number and the name of our contact person. My team was sent to **McFerson, Kansas** and our contact person was the family and youth minister, Michael Bruns. It was an awesome experience that week. We **visited** shut-ins and widows, we **volunteered** for Meals-On-Wheels, we helped a family move, we also visited with many members of the church, we got to attend an area wide **youth rally** with the youth groups in and near McFerson, then we had the opportunity to **present AIM** to the youth groups, and we helped organize and stock a couple **food and clothing pantries** in a church and in a **homeless shelter**. Over all, I am so glad that I had this experience with my teammate.



Prayer Request

Support

I will be arriving in Commerce, TX on May 8 to start my field time. Because it is a college town, the cost of living is higher so my teammate, Olivia and I will need to raise extra support. Pray that God will provide for our needs and that we will have faith and peace, it will be much appreciated. If you or someone you know would be willing to support me, please contact me. Thank you!

Winterfest Trip

Immediately after Challenge Week, five of my classmates and I drove to **Winterfest** in Gatlinburg, TN to promote AIM with our Administrators. On the way we spent one night in **Commerce, TX** so that was a very cool opportunity to see where Olivia and I are going to be living and working for the next year or so! The next two nights we spent in **West Memphis, AK**. We visited with the **Missouri Street Church of Christ** and we had a presentation of what AIM was for the West **Memphis Christian School**. Then we finally arrived at Winterfest. Winterfest is a giant youth rally that lasts a weekend. Many colleges and other ministries set up booths at Winterfest to promote themselves to the **1200 teens** present at the rally. It was a really interesting and growing experience working the **AIM booth** and getting out of my comfort zone to talk to people about what the Adventures In Missions program is. I really enjoyed the trip because I grew up going to Winterfest and now, I was working as a part of it.

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Mission Term Practicum

Evangelism

Every Monday, as part of this "Mission Term," in our teams we dedicate about two and a half hours to trying to practice evangelism. This a great opportunity because we can learn and grow in Lubbock, so we'll be more prepared when we go to the field.

Personal Growth

Every Wednesday we use what we learned in our spiritual disciplines class and spend the two- and-a-half-hour period in personal spiritual growth, in other words, we learn how to "feed ourselves spiritually" so that on the field we'll be less likely to burn out.

Service

On Fridays we spend our practicum time doing some kind of organized service or volunteer work as a team. This is an important part of our ministry training because we learn how to bless people's lives in practical ways as well as how to organize events ourselves.



Blessings from God

This month I would like to spotlight **Olivia Gauding**. She is my teammate going with me to Commerce. I have really enjoyed getting to know her these past few months. She is a major blessing to me because our strengths and weaknesses complement each other well so that we work well together.

Thank you

Thank you for your prayers and your support. I wouldn't be able to do anything without the generation of my family in Christ! I am so grateful for the love that you show me even by just reading my newsletters or by sending me an encouraging word!

Classes

Sign Language: I have continued to take Sign Language classes in the early morning. It has been an awesome experience learning sign language and about deaf culture. We are now learning how to be interpreters to the deaf. Some of us have even begun interpreting songs or verses in our morning chapels! I'm very excited to see what God will do through this.

Mission Evangelism: Paul Dowell is our teacher for Mission Evangelism, which is a class designed to teach and prepare us to be better missionaries. The class goes over many different important, yet often overlooked realities of life on the mission field and how to help start a church.

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus: Robby Stevens is teaching us an in-depth study of the letters to Timothy and Titus. We go almost verse by verse to understand context as well as see what the applications to our lives from these books are.

Team Building: We have spent significant amounts of time in and out of the classroom working on team building. These classes and exercises include topics like communication, conflict resolution, and leadership styles. We have used many tools and resources to equip us to be a high-functioning team.

Verse of the Month

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for all believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Looking Forward

Camp Adventure Week

The week-long Camp Adventure is coming March 9-14! The class that just left the field will also be having their graduation ceremony from the AIM program.

March Madness

After Camp Adventure, our class will begin a series of long road trips that is called "March Madness" because we will be travelling for the rest of the month.